

Holy Family RC Primary School



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NEWSLETTER - January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

An exciting new year has started at Holy Family with each class studying a famous refugee. The research, art work and writing that the children produced is fantastic and we brought the first week back to a close with a Mission Day – ‘Home Sweet Home’ which was delivered by Fr Paul Farrer and Dominic Boyes from the Middlesbrough Diocese.

We would like to give you plenty of notice of some of our up and coming events and dates.

STAY & MAKE SESSIONS



Our next class Stay & Make sessions are detailed below. Each will start from 2.15 pm, please enter via the main school entrance. We hope you will be able to join us.

Year 2 – Thursday 1st February, 2018

Year 3 – Friday 2nd March, 2018

Year 5 – Monday 5th February, 2018

Reception Class – Tuesday 6th March, 2018

Year 4 – Thursday 8th February, 2018

Year 6 – Friday 16th March, 2018

Year 1 – Thursday 22nd February, 2018

Internet Safety & Safeguarding

We are all aware that children spend more and more time online and therefore must be taught how to stay safe when using technology. E-Safety is part of our Keeping Safe Curriculum and we would like to remind you that we have a lot of valuable information and links on our website relating to Safeguarding and internet safety, this can be found at www.holyfamilyprimary.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding Please take a look.



Friday 2nd February, 2018 is Number Day. We are raising money for the NSPCC with a day of exciting number activities. Children are invited to come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. We would also be very grateful for donations of cakes (even they can be number themed) which will be available to buy after school.



Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 will be studying the work of local artist, Mackenzie Thorpe with Mrs Dow. These will be weekly sessions and children are welcome to continue their work at home but this is NOT compulsory. We are looking forward to seeing their work.

“encourage all children to see Christ in themselves and others in a caring environment”



SATs Meetings

We would like to invite parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 to attend a meeting to find out some further information about SATs. Meetings will be held as follows:-

Year 6 **9.00 am or 5.00 pm** **on Tuesday 6th February, 2018**
Year 2 **9.00 am or 5.00 pm** **on Thursday 8th February, 2018**

Attendance

We understand that sometimes children need to be absent from school due to illness etc. Good attendance and punctuality is important to us at Holy Family School and we are celebrating this in a number of ways. We have a class attendance trophy which is awarded each week to the class with the highest attendance. Details of the winning class each week can be found in the Curriculum area of our website. We have also introduced weekly attendance certificates for children with 100% each week and termly awards for those pupils that have 100% attendance in a term. Thank you for your support.



Our Breakfast Club is very popular and we have increased the number of places we have available, new members are very welcome to attend. The club runs from 7.45 am each day, during term time and costs £4.00 per child per day. Children do not need to attend every day, use it when you need it, simply give us a call. Children who qualify for free school meals can attend the club free of charge. If you would like your child to attend or would like further information, please contact the school office.



PTA – At Holy Family we consider all our parents, carers and grand-parents to be members of our PTA. Funds raised over time have provided a lot of wonderful opportunities for our children. There will be a number of things coming up that we would like some help with and there are a number of ways to get involved. If you have any spare time, please let us know and contact the school office. Please also continue to support our fundraising events, send donations etc. Please see our Parents & PTA section which can be found in the Information area of our website



On Thursday, this week, some of our Year 4 children received the Sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. We hold them in our prayers as they continue their Sacramental journey and we are grateful to parents, the parish catechists and Fr David for preparing the children.

Sunday Mass Times

9.00 am at Holy Family Church

9.15 am & 6.30 pm
at St Augustine's Church

Collection Arrangements

If your child is attending an after school club, all children must be collected ***promptly*** at 4.30 pm by an adult. If you would like your child to walk home alone, please confirm the arrangements in writing, without this consent, children will not be permitted to leave school unaccompanied.

Other Dates

World Holocaust Day – Saturday 27th January, 2018

End of term – Friday 9th February, 2018

School re-opens – Monday 19th February, 2018

Holy Family Gallery – Thursday 22nd March, 2018 (details to follow)



Parents' Evening

We will be holding our next
Parent's Evening

on

Wednesday 28th February

and

Thursday 1st March, 2018.

Further information to follow.